

Official Diary

Monday, 4 August 1952

1. Chatted with Col. Whipple, Chief of Technical Branch G-2, respecting CIA contacts with Technical Service. It appeared to me that it would be profitable for representatives of O/RR and O/SI to have a chat about this whole problem with Col. Whipple and I have put it on the Agenda for the next IAD's meeting. Later mentioned this to both [ ] and Amory. 25X1A9a

2. With Gen. Walsh chatted with Gen. Smith respecting the status of the summary evaluation paper regarding Russian capability to injure the U.S. Gen. Walsh indicated that all parties were dissatisfied with the JCS contribution and that he felt that, given an additional month, it would be possible for the senior working group to produce a much more satisfactory study. The General concurred and requested me to draft an appropriate memorandum of notification to the NSC. I later requested [ ] to prepare [ ] a draft of such a memorandum. Done 25X1A9a

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3. During the conversation with Gen. Walsh, the name of [ ] came up and the Director indicated that he would be an excellent man to form a net in that area. I shall have to pass this on to Frank Wisner. Done.

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4. Arranged for [ ] (son-in-law of [ ]) to talk with Larry Houston and also collected items from the [ ] file respecting earlier discussions on [ ] and forwarded them to Houston.

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5. At the Deputies' meeting, Mr. Hedden mentioned that Justice Douglass was on his way to Iran and that it was believed that he was going to seek the position of adviser to Mossadeq.

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6. [ ] inquired respecting [ ] request to O/CI for some papers on Scandinavia and I authorized delivery of such papers to him, in view of [ ] impending assignment to that area. 25X1A9a

7. Attended PRC.

8. Lunched with Adm. Wenger, at which time we had an extensive discussion of the P/T problem. One of his ideas is that much more could be done in restricting the dissemination and, further, that a reasonable amount of sanitization would be helpful. I was in sympathy with this idea, so long as it was understood that the analysts would have available to them

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any information needed to produce intelligence. Later mentioned this discussion to Mr. Amory and I plan to raise it with the IADs in the near future.

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9. [redacted] reported that O/SI was preparing a study on flying saucers and would present a roundup briefing in the near future. I approved [redacted]

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10. Mentioned to [redacted] had mentioned that Air Force was actively proceeding with the development of guided missiles for photo reconnaissance and suggested that O/SI look into this, before requesting Gen. Smith to write Gen. Bradley on this subject.

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11. Chatted with [redacted] of O/NE respecting the post mortem problem and indicated that it was immaterial to me whether the ultimate memorandum was written by O/NE or by Mr. Reber. All that I desired was that the staff work be complete before the paper was presented to the DCI.

12. Attended meeting of the Stevens group on Psychological Warfare policy.

13. Gen. Smith transmitted to me a memorandum received from Adm. Dennison enclosing a copy of Senator Sparkman's letter to the President respecting the FTC report on oil and requested comment to be signed by me for the General, to be delivered to Adm. Dennison by noon on Tuesday. We gathered the pertinent papers and requested that such comment be prepared by O/NE [redacted]

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14. The Director referred to me a letter from Director Allen of PSB respecting the [redacted] Report and I requested [redacted] to collect items from my diary on this, and [redacted] to collect items from the records of the Deputies' meeting.

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